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EARL CURZON EXPLAINS

SPEECH TO DOMINION DELEGATES

MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, October 5.
Earl Curzon occupied a three-quarters of an hour in the Imperial Conference in the morning reviewing the foreign situation throughout the world. The greater part was necessarily confidential as he supplemented a written communication on the past two years by giving the delegates orally the inner history of that period explaining the springs of British policy since 1921. It was decided that certain parts of the speech relating to matters of urgent importance should be published verbally. Later in the day it was pointed out that this was a departure from the procedure at all previous conferences.

Mr. Baldwin communicated a message from His Majesty thanking the Empire-premiers in generous terms for their address on the occasion of the opening of the conference and trusting their deliberations would lead to a solution of the many grave problems, settlement of which was so necessary for the Commonwealth of British nations.

BRITISH RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED.

LATER.

Earl Curzon, in his speech at the Imperial Conference, said we welcomed our Allies' victory in the Ruhr, if victory it was, but he pointed out that as the British Government anticipated, this had produced the beginnings of internal disruption in Germany. The disruption was not merely ominous as a political symptom but had a portentous economic significance as it meant the ultimate disappearance of the debtor himself. He added that Britain awaited and expected the next proposals from France. Britain was quite ready to receive and discuss in a friendly spirit the measures France now proposed to take. He stressed that the British had a right to be consulted.

ANY NEARER SETTLEMENT?

Earl Curzon expressed the opinion that the German surrender should have been made three months ago but he suspected that no German Government could at that time have survived a surrender. It was at present uncertain whether Herr Stresemann, who had the courage and wisdom to take this step, would survive. Were we, however, any nearer a settlement? Would reparations begin to flow in.

ALLIED DISCUSSION NEEDED.

Earl Curzon intimated that the Government thought the time for a discussion between the Allies had come. He said he had not concealed the British view in conversations with the French Ambassador and it had the approval of Mr. Baldwin, who recently did so much by his visit to Paris to recreate a friendly atmosphere after the rather heated discharge of rival guns. The German Government were, so far as he could gather, sincere in their intentions and had taken the steps required though it might be too much to expect the abandonment of resistance to be followed instantly by enthusiastic co-operation.

BRITISH WILLINGNESS.

Earl Curzon said that our position at Cologne gives us the right to be consulted in any local arrangements that may be proposed and that position we have no intention to abandon. Our reparation claim, willing as we have been to pare it down in the interests of a settlement, renders it impossible that any such settlement could be reached without our co-operation. Our stake in the economic recovery of Europe which in some respects affects us more than Germany's immediate neighbour makes us long for a satisfactory issue and we have already shown our willingness by unexampled concessions to contribute thereto.

CAPACITY FOR USEFUL INTERVENTION EXHAUSTED.

Earl Curzon, earlier in his speech said that no sane person ever expected that Germany would be able fully to pay the 6,600 millions fixed by the Reparations Commission. He described Mr. Bonar Law's proposal to totally cancel the French and Italian war debt to Britain if his proposals were accepted as startling though unrecognised generosity. He said it cannot be denied that the sanguine expectations wherewith the Ruhr occupation was begun had been largely falsified by results. The Government more than once indicated its willingness to discuss security with the French Government if security was in their mind. He declared that after the last Franco-Belgian replies our capacity for useful intervention was manifestly exhausted.

THE BEST OBTAINABLE.

Earl Curzon in the only other part of his speech published, vigorously defended the British policy in the Near East and said the Lusanne treaty was not such as might have been signed had Powers maintained a united front in all points, but the best

GOLF IN AMERICA.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NEW YORK, October 5.

On the West Chester, Biltmore course in the America ladies' golf championship semi-finals Miss Cummings (Ontario) defeated Mrs. Van Der Beek (Philadelphia) at the twentieth hole. Miss A. Tilling (Arizona) beat Mrs. Goss (New York) two up. The holder, Miss Collett (Rhode Island) was defeated by Mrs. Van Der Beek by two holes. The English Representative, Edith Leitch was beaten by Mrs. Cummings 6 up and four to play. Both these matches were in the third round.

LLYOD GEORGE IN AMERICA.

WHY THE WORLD IS UNHAPPY.

NEW YORK, October 5.

Mr. Lloyd George, who arrived by the "Mauretania," faced a huge battery of reporters and photographers and was subjected to a rapid fire of questions. He declared that the unhappiness resulting from the war was due to the ineffective operation of the Versailles Treaty. The League of Nations could not be considered a going concern without the participation of the United States.

GERMANY'S POLITICS.

NEW CABINET LIKELY.

BERLIN, October 5.

The Democratic party has carried a resolution to the effect that it will be unable to support a Government having no parliamentary basis. As the majority of the other parties have adopted the same view it is believed that Herr Stresemann will now try to form a Cabinet supported by the parliamentary parties.

obtainable in the circumstances. He sketched his efforts to the end of the ill judged and ill fated Turco-Greek hostilities and said the task had not been rendered easier by the Franklin Drouillon agreement which encouraged Turkish pretensions. Britain alone saved the situation in the crisis after the Turkish victory over Greece, and prevented the invasion of Europe. He claimed the solution regarding the Straits was eminently favourable to British Imperial interests and thought the final restoration of peace in the Near East, the freedom of the Straits, the liberation of the entire block of Arab countries, enhanced the prestige of Britain in Turkey, together with the appeasement in all Moslem countries sufficiently justified the British labours at Lusanne. A very heavy task awaited Turkey and he was of the opinion she would experience great disillusionments, many disappointments, and some fruits she claimed garnered, would turn out Dead Sea apples in her mouth but in making the great experiment she had started with a complete absence of resentment on our part and a sincere expression our goodwill.

FIRST WEEK'S WORK.

LONDON, October 5.

The first week's work of the Imperial Economic Conferences has been devoted to the laying of foundations for the main discussions. All the Imperial delegates are examining Earl Curzon's 'Expose' during the week-end. It is anticipated that Monday will be devoted to speeches in reply when it is an open secret that there will be not a little searching of heart.

BATTLE FOR PUBLICITY.

It is impossible however, for the general public to follow the discussions as the most important parts thereof will not see the light of day. One of the features of the first week was a notable battle behind the scenes in the interests of publicity. Some delegates, especially the Canadians, urged the fullest publicity while methods of secrecy found a doughty champion in Mr. Baldwin. It is believed the fight was continued to the very eve of Earl Curzon's statement but open methods carried the day. There is still some fear on the part of the representatives however, that the publicity conceded may not accord with their hopes and desires and probably more will be heard of on the question.

EMPIRE TRADE DISCUSSION.

LONDON, October 5.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1928.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1928.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1928.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1928.

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FOURTH GYMKHANA.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR RACING TO-DAY.

FINAL SELECTIONS.

[By Argus.]

Prospects for to-day's gymkhana at Happy Valley Race-course are decidedly bright. The track, though on the hard side in places, is in excellent order and, as big fields are expected, some keen sport should be witnessed.

The first race is at 3.15—The Wokingham Stakes, five furlongs for maidens that have already started. I expect to see the following eight start:—Gold Bill (Mr. Gibson), Chessman (Mr. Seth), The Gambler (Major White), Bluebottle (Mr. Matcham), Satisfaction (Mr. Harrison), Fire King (Mr. Potts), Ding Dong (Mr. Zeleny), Discard (Captain Oxspring). I shall pin my faith to Bluebottle to win and scent danger from Satisfaction, Dablia and Gold Bill.

In the second event, Reading Handicap, A. Class (6 furlongs), the following may go to the post:—Strathfarrar (Mr. Zeleny), Diadem Dablia (Major White), Clover Leaf (Mr. Soares), Roman Sparrow (Mr. Gibson), Arizona (Mr. Harrison), In Spite of (Mr. Seth), Pawnshop (Mr. Remedios), Ping Pong (Mr. Matcham).

Strathfarrar should win, with Diadem Dablia and Roman Sparrow taking the place money.

Next we come to the chief event, the Gymkhana Stakes, for which the following are said to be going:—Roman Pride, 156lbs. (Mr. Gibson), Starland, 151lbs. (Mr. Seth), Petrol King, 149lbs. (Mr. Potts), Fern Leaf, 146lbs. (Mr. Soares), Orient Dablia, 151lbs. (Major White), Country Mouse, 146lbs. (Mr. Matcham), Bandicoot, 151lbs. (Mr. Harrison).

Roman Pride is pretty certain to start a warm favourite, but he appears to me to be short of a gallop and may quite possibly fail to stay home in a fast run race. If the pace is not too fast, his great turn of speed should serve him in good stead. However, I shall select him with Starland and Bandicoot as the next best.

Starland, as my readers doubtless know, is a horse of moods.

The Best Stakes (6 furlongs) is the fourth race on the card. At the time of writing, the following are said to be certain starters:—Sharpshooter (Mr. Sutton), Dandy Kid (Captain Neville), Whistling Bulbs (Dr. Ester), Hope Dablia (Captain Oxspring), Roman Law (Mr. Bartholomew), Apache Scout (Mr. Stanton), Roman Woodcock (Mr. King and Arlington may go if it is not too hot for them.

I shall plump for Hope Dablia with Dandy Kid and Roman Law for the places.

The fifth event should see eight facing the starter as follows:—Silver Bill (Mr. Gibson), Wombat (Mr. Matcham), Knocknagall (Mr. Seth), Lightning (Captain Oxspring), West River (Mr. Harrison), Trump (Mr. de Jong), Nasseran (Mr. Soares), Discard (Mr. Potts).

In this race Knocknagall, who is looking remarkably fit, should show the way home to Silver Bill and Wombat.

For Race 6, The Theale Plate, 1 mile for non-winning subscription ponies purchased in Shanghai, seven are expected to accept. They are:—Sharpshooter (Mr. Gibson), Finvoy (Mr. Seth), Deluge (Mr. Stanton), Silver (Major White), Imbros (Mr. Matcham), Malvern (Captain Oxspring), Mopoke (Mr. Harrison), Chestnut (Mr. Zeleny).

I shall rely on Silver, expecting Mopoke and Finvoy to make him gallop.

The final event is a handicap, distance 1 1/4 miles. The following, I learn, are certain starters:—Drake (Mr. Zeleny), Silver Bill (Mr. Gibson), Silver, Silver Bill (Mr. Gibson), Kukaburra (Mr. Matcham), Pawnshop (Mr. Stanton), Maine (Mr. Potts), Satisfaction Dablia (Mr. Harrison), In Spite of (Mr. Seth), Drake (late Henry VIII.), on May 1, 1922, won the Chefoo Cup (9 furlongs) at the Shanghai meet.

MAR. WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Canadian wheat crop prospects this year are good.

The Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society are now running 326 ambulances in England.

Mr. Herbert Jeans has been appointed chief editor of *Reader's* in succession to the late Mr. F. W. Dickinson.

Lord Carson of Duncarn is to visit Ulster early in October to cut the first sod in the Mourne Mountains water scheme.

Ten sturdy City of London Boy Scouts on a 3,000 miles journey are to be present at the Latvian Scouts jamboree.

Durham miners will receive \$d. a shift more in September and October under the sliding scale based on mining profits.

Penalties amounting in all to \$106 were imposed on 17 motorists at Lancaster for various road offences.

Mr. De Valera reached Dublin from Limerick under a strong military escort. He is in military custody.

Field-Marshal the Earl of Ypres is to be Captain of Deal Castle in succession to Lord George Hamilton, who has resigned.

Trade Unions concerned in the G.N. rail shippers' dispute will confer with the Ministry of Labour in London.

Rev. William J. Heaton, who has spent 45 years in the Wesleyan ministry, celebrates his golden wedding at Bath.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York played over 18 holes on the Forfar links. The Prince won by 3 up and 2 to play.

Professor A. Alton, Sir James Craig, and Professor Thrift were elected unopposed by Dublin University as members of the new Dail.

Rev. Henry P. Prosser, M.A., vicar of St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham, and rural dean, is resigning the living after 28 years' service.

ing in the record time of 2min. 20secs.

On June 3, 1922, on the Kiang-wan Course, he won The Richmond Stakes, over a similar distance in 2min. 22.4secs., so that he looks a good thing on paper. However, there is a very big BUT as he started 18 times up to June last year and I hear has only these two victories to his credit. I am told he gives trouble at the post, but I have seldom seen a quieter horse on the track during training. I am bound to select him to win and expect Diadem Dablia and Kukaburra to finish behind him in the order named.

My final selections thus read:

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 1923.

THE FINER THINGS.

So far as we can see there is no provision in the Budget proposals for grants for what we may reasonably call the finer things. The buser, if such we may call them, get their full quota, and, if we can rejoice in what a wonderful Colony we are, we should realise that it is costing us a pretty penny to be so wonderful. Apart from grants for Education and a considerable sum to the University to complete the amount set aside as Endowment, and which, for the sake of argument we will readily concede are finer things, there is nothing at all allowed for the happiness and contentment of the people. Our Library and Museum are to remain the disgrace they happen to be. Not a shilling is to be given for the purchase of a few more books, or the capture of a few more specimens that may be stuffed or upholstered and exhibited in the specious halls of enlightenment unless such grants are included under miscellaneous. The buildings themselves are to remain—a relic of a bygone age. We may have an imposing granite-built structure of a Supreme Court, where justice is secured and haggles assemble, but for a building for the arts and that shall be a tribute to the finer taste of the Colony there is not one penny to be found. Our remand prisoners are to have a bus provided for their

comfort and their progress to and from the Supreme Court from Old Bailey, but there is not one word or one cent on the question of a moderate subsidy that would mean that we should have more band performances than those given to us by private and public-spirited enterprise. We do not mean the provision of an orchestra, "state-aided," but an amount set aside that would reimburse performers for whatever trouble they would be put to in playing and thereby appealing to the better sides of our natures and freeing us from ulterior ambition and desires which may even include the wish to become members of the Legislative Council. The Government, in donating its mite to the University might have stipulated that the University take steps to provide the Colony with a series of University Lectures and have even provided a grant for this very necessary finer thing, just as important we venture to think as initiating a movement to provide the Colony with an army of stenographers. There may be other finer things very desirable in this money-glutted place but the few mentioned above will, for the time being, suffice.

Reading.

Two thousands of votes which were cast in our "Hongkong's Popular Pleasures" contest, when analysed by our unbiased adjudicator, found "Reading" in the tenth and last place, photography, which in this Colony simply means, in the main, sighting a study and pressing a lever, running it very close. We do not know whether to be surprised—surprised that is that reading found a place at all, or sad—and to think that reading which costs so little and gives so much,

occupies so low a place in the affections of Hongkong. A Sporting Parson has said that most of us would get on far better if we never learned to read. We can say there are those who read too much and those who read too little. Those who do not read at all, or "have no time" for reading may be dismissed as fit for treacherous stratagems and spoils—not fit for decent company. Those who read too much are they who gobble and do not digest. Who read at breakfast, tiffin and dinner; on train and tram, and most beastly of all—in bed. They suffer from mental constipation and indigestion of the reasoning faculties. They are like the man that Somerset Maugham finds in his "On a Chinese Screen"—the man who, fond of romance, and being in a land of romance a little inland from Peking, ignored it around him and spent all his leisure time in getting it from the pages of the American *Saturday Evening Post* one of the most cumbersome instruments of romance we hope never to meet. Of those who read too little we cannot very well speak. It is a delicate subject. The fact that they do read is probably sufficient. Of what they all read it is not for us to speak here. We only lightly skim the fringe of a most fascinating—to us—subject in the light of Joseph Conrad's dictum that most of those who read, read for pleasure, and presumably works of fiction. But fiction is not the only source of pleasure. We met a man this morning who had Walter de La Mare's "The Veil and other poems," and expressed pleasure at having read it. We were so surprised and pleased that we almost paid him a compliment. When reading comes into its own let Dancing, Sport, Cinemas, etc., look out. We have spoken.

Reporting Football.

The Hon. Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association stated in his annual report that an arrangement had been arrived at in the Model Settlement whereby a definite system had been adopted for reporting Soccer News. "Thanks to the co-operation of the Association and league management, club secretaries and the Press, results were given in the Shanghai paper, in one day, the engagements for the following Saturday would be given on another day, league tables and statistics in mid-week, and the composition of the teams on Friday night in the evening papers and Saturday morning in the morning dailies. Both players and spectators would appreciate a regular system. Not only in football but in all other games. At present, the Hongkong papers have no competition but to give the announcements piecemeal as they dribble in from league and club secretaries. Cricket Clubs especially should remember that every pitch cannot be visited in one Saturday afternoon and that as a courtesy to enthusiasts, the results should be sent in. The football programme has already been mapped out, but the cricket league secretary has by no means obtained all the fixture lists of the clubs. Last season, the *China Mail* published every Friday, the league averages and statistics and these have, for the first time in the league's history been incorporated with the records as official figures. Will cricket club secretaries oblige by sending round their fixture lists as soon as possible? Also will some enthusiasts take up the question of football announcements with this league management and clubs? A copy of the Shanghai league's report will be forwarded on application.

To-day's Poem.

(Silence.)

The silence of a forest or
Of mountains blest with snow;
The silence of a sunset with
Its throbbing afterglow:
Will bear away our sorrows that
The world may never know.

The silence of a loved one true
Is like Eternity;
And silence when away from Home
Is greater than the sea:
But silence is most precious in
Unspoken sympathy.

The silence we must honor and
With every means defend;
Is silence put upon us by
A woman or a friend:
To one who keeps this silence will
A laurel wreath descend.

JOHN KYOTO.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

OCTOBER 6.

1709. Several little showers to-day.
A Man came in, who said
there was snow on Cross-fell
this morning.

Gray.
1774. It has rained for this month
without intermission; there is
a sea between me and Rich-
mond.

W. A. P. O.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 6.—Coronet Theatre;
Frank Keenan and Anna Nilson in
"Hearts Aflame."

October 6.—Star Theatre;
Viola Dana in "Cinderella's Twin";
Buster Keaton in "Cops" and
Vodavil.

October 6.—World Theatre;
"Soldiers of Fortune."

October 6.—Hongkong Jockey
Club's fourth Gymkhana.

October 13.—Dance at Peak
Club, 9.15 p.m.

November 2.—Navy League Ball
at City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

October 9.—At P.W.D. Offices,
one lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam
Road, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
October 9.—Lammert Bros.,
at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road,
a quantity of valuable household
furnitures, etc., at 11 and 2.30 p.m.

MEETINGS.
October 9.—Hongkong Hockey
Club, annual meeting in the Hong-
kong Cricket Club Pavilion, 5.30
p.m.

October 15.—Extraordinary gen-
eral meetings at Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, of the Hongkong
Hotel Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai
Hotels, Ltd., at 11 a.m. and 11.30
a.m. respectively.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* The *China Mail* will be
published at midday on Monday.

The name of the Empress
Hotel Co., Ltd. has been struck off
the Register.

The Licensing Board is to meet
on November 2 at 12.15 p.m. in the
Council Chamber.

Tennis nets are now made by
the blind girls in the C. M. S.
Home, Kowloon City.

On page 3 in this issue, will be
found *Argus'* final notes on the
Gymkhana with selections for this
afternoon.

Launches will leave Kowloon
Police Pier at 2 p.m. and Blake
Pier at 2.15 p.m. for those attend-
ing the Kowloon Dock Recreation
Club Sports at Aberdeen to-
morrow.

The annual sale of work done
by the inmates of the C. M. S.
Blind Institution at Kowloon City
was held yesterday and was well
patronised. Miss Havers had
charge of arrangements.

Reassuring news about our
milk supply is contained in an
announcement in the *Government
Gazette* which states that of 18 sam-
ples examined during the quarter
ended September 30 all were
genuine.

The rainfall for the month of
September at the Botanical Gar-
dens was 5ins. 91 on 13 days at the
Matilda Hospital, Mount Kellett; it
was 6ins. 18 on 14 days, and at the
Police Station, Taipo, it was 5ins.
02 on 7 days.

Silk forwarded from here by
"Empress of Asia" on September
6, arrived in New York on
September 28, having been 22
days in transit. Silk forwarded
from here by the "Empress of
Australia," which was delayed 13
days in Japan by the earthquake,
took 36 days in transit, arriving in
New York on September 29.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. George Stacy Kennedy-
Skilton has been appointed to act
as an Assistant to the S.C.A.

The appointment of Police
Sergeant Frederick Titus James as
a Sanitary Inspector for Aberdeen
is gazetted.

Mrs. S. D. Hickie, Mr. and Mrs.
J. L. J. Failey and Mrs. T. P. M.
Bevan were passengers on the out-
going "Mantua."

His Excellency the Governor has
been pleased to appoint, provision-
ally and subject to His Majesty's
pleasure, Mr. Robert Horneus
Kotewall to be an Unofficial Mem-
ber of the Legislative Council,
with effect from October 4.

Mr. José María D'Almada
Remedios, who has lately been
under articles of clerkship to Mr.
Leo D'Almada, solicitor, gives
notice in the current issue of the
Government Gazette of his intention
to apply for examination and ad-
mission as a solicitor.

The forthcoming weddings are
announced in *Hongkong* of Mr.
Lester Hall Narland, merchant of
Amoy, to Miss Robb Louise
Stuart, en route from Home; and
Mr. Silas Shalom Perry, ex-
change broker of Hongkong to
Miss Olga Maude Heath, en route
from England by the s.s. "Katori
Manu."

AS YOU LIKE IT.

WEEK END SHREDS
AND PATCHES.

SILENT LODGERS. Some people
when they are
well off. Here is a man asking
a Highgate magistrate if he
can eject his lodgers because they
were making him uncomfortable.
They never make a sound and
walk about quietly and seem hard-
ly ever to speak. There was no
noise from morning until night
and it upset the landlord who
wanted a noise. Well well. A
noisy noise is said to annoy the
neighbours' most as Kowloonites
know to their cost, but in this—the
reverse is the case.

To bob or not
BOBBED HAIR. To bob, that is
the question,
whether to—But here is a young
American Salvation Army Captain
lascivious, called before her superior
officer for cutting her hair short.
Nothing is said of the result of
this unexpected call or if her Army
career, like her hair, has been cut
short, or if she has been referred
to the penitentiary bench. Many
a woman's hair is her saving grace
but evidently not in the Salvation
Army.

The following ad-
vertising verbiage appeared
the other day in the
Financial Times—

£500 Required for initial ex-
penses in connection with the
formation of a society, having as
its object the prevention on com-
mon-sense, economical lines of
further additions to a low stan-
dard surplus population, which
at present constitutes so great a
handicap to the progress of our
race and an unreasonable burden
on the more thrifty and pro-
vident sections of the community.
Generous consideration will be
given for the above sum, which
will only be required temporarily.
We are thinking of advertising for
a similar sum of money to form a
society for the prevention of
further additions to the length of
sentences, or, better still, for the
formation of a Society for the
Prevention of Any More Societies.
The advertisements in the financial
papers are a continual source of
joy to us. In the same issue
of the *Financial Times* a gentle-
man in the United States invites
people to buy gold mining
property of him and gives his name
as R. T. Looney, while another
spends money daily on the follow-
ing announcement:

Racing.—Large weekly in-
come without cash capital. A
Gentleman is prepared to prove
this to another who has an
account or could open one.
Particulars only given by ap-
pointment.
We are all looking for large
weekly incomes without having to
put down any cash, and it is
extremely kind of this gentleman
to spend his money on advertise-
ments instead of making the large
income himself; or perhaps that is
the only method he has discovered
of spending the large income he
has secured.

American advertising
DIGNITY catchwords are not
AND always in such ex-
BEAUTY, quise taste as the
famous "Say it with
flowers" on the florists' windows.
But the phrases that are given on
American railway stations combine
dignity and beauty. Where we
put advertisements you find in
America such phrases as this from
Washington:—
"He that would bring home the
wealth of the Indies must carry
the wealth of the Indies with him;
so it is in travelling—a man
must carry knowledge with him if
he would bring home knowledge."
And over the General Post Office
at Washington there are these lines:

Messenger of sympathy and love,
Servant of parted friends,
Consoler of the lonely,
Bond of the scattered family,
Enlarger of the common life,
Carrier of news and knowledge,
Instrument of trade and industry,
Promoter of mutual acquain-
tance, of peace and goodwill
Among men and nations.
And on the Congressional
Library there is a lovely line:
They build too low who build
beneath the stars.

Are not such inscriptions a
school of worthy citizenship?

Someone—we think
BUNIONS. It was the simple Mr.
Blatchford of the
Clarion—years ago made a phrase
about tinkling feet. He referred
to the feet of children. Naturally.
Immediately a person has arrived
at the age of indiscretion, his feet
cease to tinkle. They fall flat upon
the pavement with a huge resound-
ing thud. They echo with a
thunderous din down the corridors
of Time. They make ugly prints
along the summer ways. Nor do
the women's footsteps tinkle any
more. Hebe has lost the natural
spring of her instep, and walks
with a stub and a clump. Some-
times she so far falls from grace
as to wear goshaws, and waddles
with a determined inelegance that
suggests the melancholy spectacle
of a cow in a bog.
We are all forlorn and crippled
creatures, we adults; being indeed,

CORRESPONDENCE.

"BIRDS OF FEATHER."
[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir,—As Sun Yat-sen is near the
metropolis, he continually is being
mentioned with great discredit at
present on account of the none
too scrupulous methods employed
by his adherents to raise the wind.
I do not care whether Chan Kwing-
ming would have done better or
worse nor does it worry me if
Sun's men are only fleeing the
people to carry on their "patrio-
tic" campaign and not to silver-
line their pockets.

But I think your readers would
be interested to hear that there is
another side to the story which
does not get to light on account of
the scene being in a rather remote
corner. How does Chan get his
almighty dollars to further his
campaign? He has no compunc-
tion but to get all he can out of the
territory from Waichow to Shan
Mei and northwards along the coast
to Cheung Chow near the Fukien
border. Of primary interest to
Hongkong is the commandeering
of two steamers on the regular
run between this port and Shan
Mei, which is the Colony's main
source of eggs. Arrivals are still
coming in by launches &c., which
have had to pay for the privilege

of continuing in their lawful busi-
ness. This means higher freights
which in turn cause bigger prices.
Some egg traders tried the experi-
ment of shipping to Swatow and
thence to Hongkong but a good
many of the vessels plying from
Swatow to Shan Mei have either
been requisitioned or withdrawn
from the run by their owners to
prevent seizure.

There are other chapters in the
story of bleeding the land to attain
political ends but these are similar
to those enacted at present in other
parts of the province and the whole
country. The Spanish Inquisition
cannot be compared with the
ingenious methods of extortion
resorted to.

Yours faithfully,
EGGS.
Hongkong, October 5, 1923.

the creatures of our bunnions. A
few years ago, at the epoch of
the preposterous popularity of
"Tribby," theatrical managers fell
upon the disconcerting discovery
that there remained in the world no
white women with beautiful feet:
we had known it for thirty-one
years and eight months.
If Miriam had had a bunion, she
would have sounded the loud tim-
brel with no perceptible effect. A
reasonably enlarged joint would
have kept Sarai out of the high
society that brooded darkly by the
grave, sad Nile. The feet of all
these ladies of the storied past were
comely as the dimple that flickers
wistfully on the chin of Psyche.
We have changed all that. If we
didn't wear boots to disfigure our
gait, we should still need them to
hide our feet.

I sought an expen-
sive young
surgeon
Who put an X-ray on my spine,
Wrote down the amount of my
leucocyte count
And told me to say "Ninety-
nine";
And when he studied my tonsils
And tongue from above and
beneath,
He said: "You must go to a
dentist I know
And get him to pull out your
teeth."
I went to a ten-dollar doctor
With a thundering cold in my
head,
He thumped on my chest, made a
blood-pressure test,
And "Go get your teeth out,"
he said.
Despairing I went to another
Distinguished and costly M. D.
He looked up my nose through a
section of hose.
And "Go get your teeth out,"
said he.
A specialist next I consulted,
A master of medical art,
And stripped to the bone while a
portable phone
He fastened just over my
heart.
He listened for six or eight
minutes,
Then gulped in an ominous
way
And murmured, "My lad, your
condition is bad,
Those teeth must come out
right away."
I shall leave all I have to my
widow
I know that it is n't a lot;
But she won't take it hard, for
I'm only a bard
And a little is all I have got.
Three doctors have sagely
assured me
That inside of a week I'll be
dead,
Beyond the least doubt, if my
teeth don't come out—
And I have n't a tooth in my
head.

VOTING CONTEST.

THAT \$50 PRIZE.

In to-day's issue will be found
the last coupon of the week for
the cinema picture contest.
Coupons must be sent in not
later than Monday.

Those who send in more than
one coupon will be well-advised
to vary their selections. This
does not necessarily mean
spreading your choice over the
twenty items. Pick ten or
twelve which you think the
total vote will favour most and
change the order round. This,
in the opinion of the judges,
would give competitors the best
possible chance.

A WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE
DOLLARS!

The holder of the following
theatre programme is requested to
forward same to the *China Mail*
office when a coupon to the value
of \$5 will be issued which may be
changed for goods to the same
value with any of the advertisers in
the *China Mail*.

Coronet Theatre Programme No.
854 issued of Tuesday to Friday
October 2 to 5.

Patrons of the three Cinema
Theatres, the Coronet, Star and
World are advised to retain their
programmes and study the number
to be found on the front page.

The prize must be claimed within
TWO DAYS from this announce-
ment, otherwise it will lapse. This
rule will be rigidly enforced in the
interest of cinema patrons.

Employees of the three cinema
are expressly debarred from claim-
ing the prize.

CHINA'S PRESIDENT.

PAOTING-FU WAR LORD
ELECTED.

Reuter messages from Peking
and Shanghai announce the elec-
tion of a new President of China.
The choice has fallen upon Marshal
Tsao K'un, war-lord of Paoting-fu.
The present posts held by the Mar-
shal include the Inspectorate-
general of Chihli, Shantung and
Honan Provinces.

THE VOTING.

At the Electoral College, there
were 500 present. The voting
resulted as follows—

Tsao K'un	48
Sun Yat-sen	33
Tang Chi-yao	30
Tsen Chun-hsan	8
Tuan Chi-wei	7
Wa Pei-fu	5
Lu Yung-tung	5
Chang Tso-lin	4
Mu Ching-fan	4
Wang Chih-shiang	4
Others	1

The College waited until 2
o'clock for arrivals from Tientsin.
Voting lasted until 4.30 p.m.;
proceeding without a hitch. It was
attended by the Paoting-fu
leaders, representatives of the
Legations, including Dr. Schur-
man, American Minister; the
foreign correspondents, Dr. Wel-
lington Koo and other Cabinet
Ministers.

The streets around Parliament
Buildings were heavily guarded.
It is understood that the Speaker
must now send delegates to
hand Marshal Tsao K'un his
election certificate and request him
to proceed to Peking.

He is expected to arrive in the
capital in a day or two.
EARLIER NEWS.
An earlier message, dated
Peking, October 5, reads:
"Parliament met at 10 o'clock
this morning but there was no
quorum. A quorum, however, was
secured at 12.30 p.m. on the arrival
of more members from Tientsin.
The election of Tsao K'un is now
considered practically certain to
take place this afternoon."

JAILED.

ENGINEER'S LAPSE.

Three months' hard labour was
meted out to David McKenzie,
second engineer of the s.s. "Bar-
visitan" for the larceny of \$5 from
fire-bars, 436 brass condenser-tubes,
2 condenser plates, 1 duplex steam-
pump and 2 chain blocks and tackle
from the ship when in the harbour
on October 1 and 2.

Mr. H. O. Macnamara prosecuted
on behalf of the owners, Messrs.
H. M. H. Nomazee and defendant
was not legally represented.
Defendant made a statement
which was accepted as a plea of
guilty.

According to the police the hard-
ware was valued at over \$600 but
had been sold to a marine hawker
for about \$240.

HONGKONG CRICKET.

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The annual meeting of the H.K.C.C. was held in the Club Pavilion last evening. In the absence of Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, the club was taken by Mr. H. A. Nisbet, who was supported by Messrs. G. R. Sayer, E. R. J. Mitchell, R. B. A. Webster, H. E. Hollands, and the Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill. There was a large attendance of members.

The Chairman, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—
At first glance the past year's results seem disappointing compared with the previous year, but when one comes to analyse the figures I think that you will agree with me they are not so bad as they appear to be. Subscriptions still exceed the running expenses by some \$1,400, although these expenses have increased by over \$1,500, owing to the new pavilion having necessitated a bigger staff and an increase in taxes, lighting, and fire insurance premium. A bright spot in the accounts is the receipts, which show an increase of about \$700. This is, I think, entirely due to the careful supervision of Mr. Ramsey, and not, as some might suggest, to members' increased thirst. (Laughter.) The drop in interest received is due to money on fixed deposit having been utilized to pay for the new pavilion. Highly debentures of the total value of \$1,000, have been drawn for payment, of which 78 have been paid. At the present moment, it is not deemed advisable to pay off any more debentures, but it is hoped that we may be able to do so in the Spring of next year. We have to thank Mr. Harry Hancock for the gift of a standard time clock, and Mr. Birkett for the gift of a clock for the bar. Efforts will be made to give as many cricketing members as possible games in matches during the season, and it is hoped that they will show their appreciation of this effort by playing when chosen.

We have had two extraordinary fine interport matches with Shanghai during the year. The Hongkong one we won, whilst giving our team full marks for their plucky fight. The Shanghai match we frankly lost over. (Hear, hear.)

He then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Penlycross, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The next business was the election of officers:—Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, who is at present out of the Colony, was unanimously re-elected President.

Regarding the election of a Secretary, the Chairman remarked, amidst laughter, that "in spite of his many faults, I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. L. S. Greenhill."

The resolution was seconded, and carried with enthusiasm.

The General Committee was elected as follows:—Messrs. H. A. Nisbet, P. M. Hodgson, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. A. Redmond, R. E. A. Webster, H. E. Hollands, L. D. McNicoll, F. Syme-Thompson, and T. E. Pearce.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were appointed the Club's Treasurers, at a remuneration of \$750 annually, and Mr. H. Greenwood was appointed auditor, at a remuneration of \$100.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Mitchell for so enthusiastically carrying on the duties of Secretary during Mr. Greenhill's absence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

HONGKONG BANK NOTES.

Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th September, 1923, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$11,487,203	\$5,750,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	46,211,827	22,307,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Limited	1,496,510	550,000
Total	\$59,195,540	\$28,607,000

* Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £903,000.
† Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £1,800,000.
‡ Securities with the Crown Agents £130,000.

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security	Amount	Latest market price
5½% Treasury Bonds repayable @ 100 in 1929	£120,000	104½

NEW TERRITORIES.

INITIATING SANITARY CONTROL.

One of the new measures to be introduced at next Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council is a bill to amend further the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910.

The "objects and reasons" are given as follows:—The development of the New Territories (other than New Kowloon), and particularly the growth of Tai Po Market, seems to call for power to initiate some simple system of sanitary control. For example, the keeping of pigs in unsuitable places has become a serious nuisance at Tai Po Market. Clause 2 of the bill accordingly inserts in section 6 of the principal Ordinance a subsection giving the Governor in Council the same power to make rules for the New Territories (other than New Kowloon) as the Sanitary Board has to make by-laws for the rest of the Colony.

The same clause gives the Governor in Council power to set apart cemeteries in the New Territories (other than New Kowloon), and also power to prohibit the burial or depositing of human remains in or upon any specified places in the New Territories (other than New Kowloon). This latter power may be necessary in certain residential districts, e.g., in Cheung Chau.

Section 46 of the principal Ordinance is impracticable as it stands at present, as the Land Officer may be at the opposite end of his district. Clauses 3 and 5 remove the provisions requiring his signature as a witness on the redemption receipt.

CHANCE FOR SOMEONE.

BRICKWORKS AT FU TI AU.

Eighteen lots of Crown land at Fu Ti Au comprising 9.7 acres are to be auctioned at The District Office, Tai Po, at 11.30 a.m. on October 17.

The lots are to be sold for the term of seventy-five years from the 1st day of July, 1898 with the right of renewal for the further term of 24 years less 3 days at a reassessed crown rent as brickworks.

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CRICKET.

The following will represent Shamoon Sports Club in their match with the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday next:—H. H. Benson (capt.), P. E. Baskett, S. G. Beare, D. Duncan, H. S. Gordon, S. E. King, F. E. Lammer, V. C. Olive, F. V. Read, J. Rodger and Capt. D. R. Wahl.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

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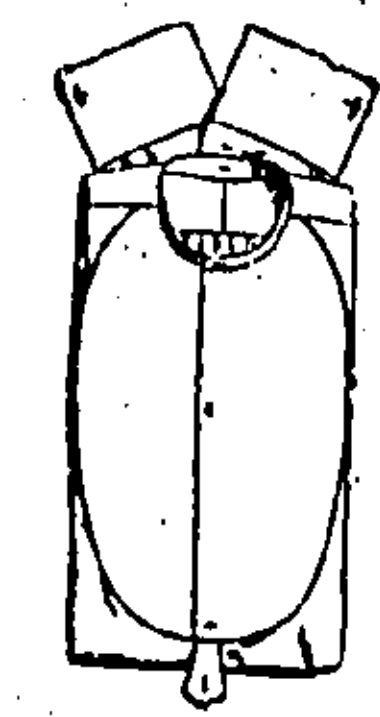
FRIDAY, 19th October at 9.15 P.M.
ADMISSION \$1.

One soldier and two civilians were killed and considerable damage to property was done by the explosion caused by lightning of the powder magazine at Fort Senegarde, near Turin.

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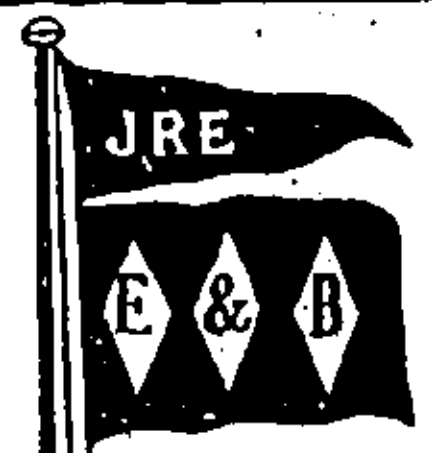
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"VENEZIA"

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

NOTICE.

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VOTING CONTEST.

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This week the China Mail's voting contest takes a new form. What are the ten most popular cinema pictures in the list given below? Name them in their order and win our \$50 prize.

Twenty different cinema pictures are named below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the list polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular items from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy - which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty cinema pictures shown recently in Hongkong. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. Alice Adams
2. Atlantide
3. Carnival
4. Foolish Wives
5. Hunting Big Game in Africa
6. Little Lord Fauntleroy
7. Molly O'
8. Nancy from Nowhere
9. Nanook of the North
10. Pollyanna
11. Robin Hood
12. The Flirt
13. The Hoodlum
14. The Iron Trail
15. The Kid
16. The Mark of Zorro
17. The Pilgrim
18. The Three Musketeers
19. Twin Beds
20. While New York Sleeps

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, Oct. 6, 1923.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular pictures placed in the order in which I think they should appear:-

Please write clearly in block letters.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
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9.
10.

Name

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STRAITS and CALCUTTA	HOSANG	Thurs., 18th Oct., 3 p.m.
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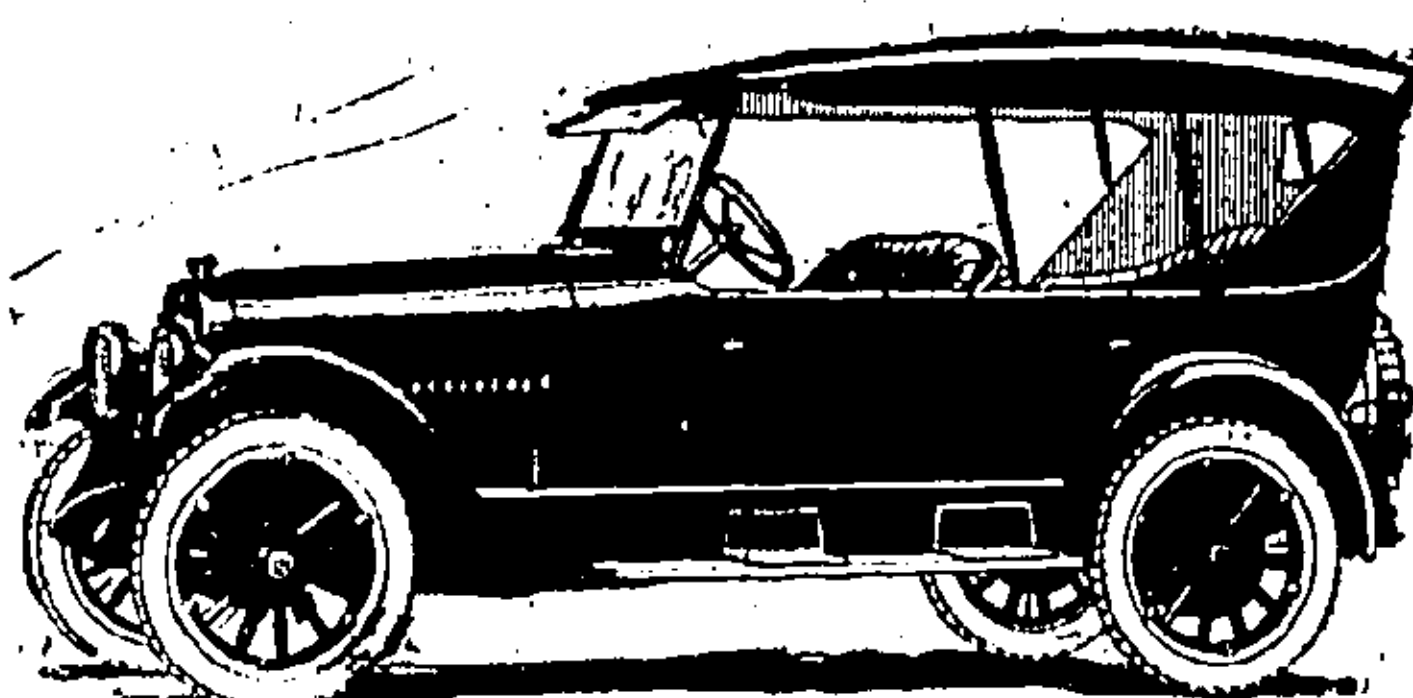
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SHORTHAND EXAMS.

ITALIAN CONVENT SUCCESSSES.

The Results of Pittman's Short-
hand Examinations held in July
last at the Italian Convent, Causeway
Road, are as follows:—
Miss Dolly Hanson, Annanensis
Certificate, shorthand speed 120
words a minute.
Miss Daisy Dunnett 100 words.
Misses Beatrice Gill and Mar-
garet Kent, 80 words.
Misses Iris Warren, Conchita del
Pan, Amy Statham and Elsie
Rosario, 60 words.
Elementary Certificate—Misses
Mira Gutierrez, Bertha Smith,
Hedviges Silva, Cissie Xavier,
Nellie Gubbay, Anita King, Anist
Silice, Marjorie Wames, Lizzie
Thomas and Lolita Rocha.

DIVORCE REPORTS.

ONLY BRIEF DETAILS TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Select Committee of the
House of Commons which has been
considering the question of publish-
ing the reports of divorce cases has
concluded, taking evidence and its
report will soon be in the hands of
members of Parliament.
It is understood that the Com-
mittee recommend that the scope
of the Bill be extended so as to in-
clude the prohibition of the publica-
tion of all matter which is indecent
in any proceedings before a judicial
bench.
In the case of divorce it is recom-
mended that newspapers be per-
mitted to publish the statement of
the petitioner, the defence, the
judge's summing-up, and any
points of law which may arise dur-
ing the trial, and the jury's findings
and judgment. The names of
witnesses may be given, but not
their evidence.

Sir Walter Davidson, whose
death at Sydney was recently
announced, was formerly in the
Ceylon Civil Service. Born in 1859,
Sir Walter had a distinguished
career at Cambridge before com-
ing out to join the Ceylon Civil
Service in 1880. He was Chair-
man of the Colombo Municipal
Council in 1898 and was made
Colonial Secretary, Transvaal,
in 1902, and two years later was
appointed Governor of New-
foundland. In 1918 he went as
Governor of New South Wales, a
position he was about to relinquish
at the time of his death.

FOOTBALL

TEAMS SELECTED FOR TO-DAY'S GAMES.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

The matches arranged for this
afternoon are:—

LEAGUE DIV. I.
Police v. R.G.A.—Kowloon F.C.
ground. Referee, Mr. Wright.
"Tamar" v. "Diomedes"—Soo-
kumpoo "B" ground. Referee, Mr.
Tildesley.
King's v. Kowloon.—Sookumpoo
"A" ground. Referee, Mr. Spence.

LEAGUE DIV. II.
Club de Recreo v. St. Joseph's.
Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee,
Mr. Laverdier.
King's Res. v. S. China "A".
Sookumpoo "A" ground. Referee,
Mr. Bailey.
"Diomedes" Res. v. S. China
"B"—Sookumpoo "B" ground.
Referee, Mr. Wakeham.
There will be no League football
within the racecourse.

K.F.C. v. KING'S

The following have been select-
ed to represent the Kowloon Foot-
ball and King's A. Clubs in their
1st Division engagement on
Sookumpoo "A" ground.
K.F.C.—Hill; Wheeler, Knight;
Morrison, McKelvie, Pasco; Clemen-
son, Cooke, Duncan, Mason.
King's A.—Blanco; Wynne and
Williams; Newton, Hodgson and
Barlow; Burnett, Williams, Lieut.
Jones, Dyer and Beesley.

GARRISON COMPETITION.

Only three days' football was
played in this competition during
the week, football giving place on
Thursday to the final of the
Garrison Tennis Doubles.

On Monday 27th Company
R.A.M.C. recorded their first
victory at the expense of 83rd
Company R.G.A. and the same
afternoon "A" Company King's
made a very creditable draw with
H.Q. "B" team.

On Tuesday "D" Company
King's beat 88th Company R.G.A.
by 6 to nil and H.Q. "A" team
beat 94th Company R.G.A. by 3
to 1.

The following unplayed fixtures
have been recorded as wins for
the undermentioned teams:—
"C" Co. King's 1 27th Co. R.A.M.C. 0
H.Q. "B" King's 1 94th Co. R.G.A. 0
The league table including these
results is as under:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.TS.
H.Q. "A"	5	5	0	0	22	3	10
"C" Co. King's	4	0	1	1	11	3	9
H.Q. "B"	5	3	0	2	21	5	8
"A" Co. King's	4	3	0	1	10	3	7
"D" Co. King's	3	2	0	1	11	4	6
83rd Co. R.G.A.	4	2	2	0	5	7	4
"B" Co. King's	5	1	4	0	7	12	2
27th Co.							
R.A.M.C.	5	1	4	0	3	19	2
94th Co. R.G.A.	5	0	5	0	2	12	0
88th Co. R.G.A.	5	0	5	0	2	26	0

This week's results are:—
27th Co. R.A.M.C. 3 83rd Co. R.G.A. 1
H.Q. "A" King's 3 94th Co. R.G.A. 1
"D" Co. King's 3 88th Co. R.G.A. 0
"A" Co. King's 2 H.Q. "B" King's 2
"B" Co. King's 2 H.Q. "A" King's 0
H.Q. "B" King's 10 27th Co. R.A.M.C. 1

SOUTH CHINA WIN.

Adelaide, Oct. 4.
China beat Adelaide by 6 goals
to 2.—*Reuter*.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Oct. 4.—Notts County
beat Middlesbrough, in the First
Division, by 1 goal to nil.—*Reuter*.

AQUATICS

GARRISON SPORTS HELD AT V. R. C.

The Garrison Schools aquatic
sports were held in the V. R. C.
swimming pool yesterday after-
noon, when the kiddies had an
enjoyable time. The prizes were
distributed by Mrs. Blake, wife of
Colonel Blake, in command of the
King's. Major-General Sir John
Fowler was in attendance during
the afternoon. The sports were
organised by Capt. K. F. Walker,
M.C., R.A.M.C., and Sergeant-
Major Bigent, R.A.M.C.

Results:—
Junior Boys' Race one Length—
I. H. McKay; 2, H. Massey.

Girls' two Lengths' Handicap,
Div. IV.—1, Phyllis Hunt; 2, Maude
George.

Girls' Race, Div. II., one
Length.—1, Doris Hunt; 2, Lily
Spanton.

Boys' Race, Div. II., two
Lengths.—1, F. Anslow; 2, H.
Harris.

Boys' two Lengths' Handicap,
Div. IV.—1, N. Hallmark; 2, H.
Smith.

Girls' 100 Yards Champion-
ship.—1, Rita Pathyjohns; 2,
Phyllis Hunt.

Boys' 100 Yards Champion-
ship.—1, A. Bliss; 2, H. Smith.

Boys' two Lengths' Handicap,
Div. III.—1, G. Harris; 2, L. Allen.

Former Girl Pupils' Race, two
Lengths.—1, Miss Prickett.

Team Race.—Maude: George's
Team.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

QUOTATIONS AND COMMENT.

METALS MARKET.

A fairly big order is reported to
have been booked for Wire Nails,
the quantity being about 15,000
kegs of 330 assortment, 1½ to
3½. These are stated to be
Continental goods and the
price is given as between
\$9.75 and \$9.80 ex-godown Hong-
kong. There have been a fair
amount of arrivals of this line in-
cluding a large lot which is said to
be on a bank's hands and which is
being offered for sale at about the
price quoted for indent.

PIECEGOODS.

Little is doing in the local
market and Chinese dealers are
waiting for the arrival of some of
their orders. Amongst native
merchants, there is a good tone as
although business is slack at pre-
sent they are making working
profits and prices are satisfactory
to them.

PROVISIONS.

Orders are being booked now for
goods to arrive in time for China
New Year, prices are steady and
the volume of business booked is
fair. Considering the political
situation, deliveries have been
good.

NAM PAK HONG PRICES.

Java Sugar: No. 24 rough white
\$13.17, No. 24 fine white, \$13.70.
No. 18 rough brown \$12.90, Java
Brown \$11.40, per picul net weight,
delivered into lighter ex godown,
one month's storage, usual guild
terms.

Rice: No. 1 Siam long white
(best) \$9.40, (ordinary) \$8.10, No. 1
Saigon long white \$7.20, per picul,
gross weight for net, ex ship, usual
guild terms.
Flour: "Dayton," \$2.90, "Kwan
Doh," \$2.75, "White Greens," \$2.98,
"Kingfisher," \$2.95, "White Rose,"
\$2.90, "Sperry's XXX," \$3.64, per
sack of 50 lbs. ex godown, one
month's storage, usual guild terms.

WATER RATES.

NEW SCALE OF CHARGES.

The Government Gazette an-
nounces that the following regula-
tion regarding water charges for
"excess consumption" will come
into force on January, next year:—
"Except as otherwise provided
the price of water supplied by
meter and charged for as 'excess
consumption' will be, in cases
where filtered water is supplied,
at the rate of seventy-five
cents (75c.) per one thousand
(1,000) gallons, and in cases where
unfiltered water is supplied, at the
rate of thirty-five cents (35c.) per
one thousand (1,000) gallons. Pro-
vided that the special rates charged
in the case of water supplied to
certain Military and Naval Estab-
lishments shall remain in force;
provided also that the price of
water, whether filtered or unfiltered,
supplied by meter from the
water-works at Fapling and charged
for as 'excess consumption' will
be at the rate of one dollar (\$1)
per one thousand (1,000) gallons;
provided further that the price of
water supplied to the Royal Hongkong
Golf Club shall remain in force; pro-
vided also that the price of water sup-
plied by meter in the Peak District,
as defined in the Peak District
(Residence) Ordinance, 1918, O.
Ordinance No. 8 of 1918, and charged
for as 'excess consumption' will
be at the rate of one dollar (\$1) per
one thousand (1,000) gallons."

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

AMENDING REGISTRATION LAW.

A bill to amend the Births and
Deaths Ordinance, 1896, is to be
introduced at next Thursday's
meeting of the Legislative Council.
The object of this bill, it is
explained in the "objects and
reasons" published in the Gov-
ernment Gazette, is to simplify
and amend the law relating to the
registration of births and deaths,
as contained in Ordinance No. 7
of 1896. The Ordinance is un-
doubtedly obscure in parts, and
the interpretation is difficult.
There are also at the present
time divergencies in ac-
tual practice from the author-
ised procedure and arrangements. It
is further desirable that the Reg-
istrar of Births and Deaths should
have power to appoint Deputies to
carry out much of the routine work
entailed. In addition, some por-
tions of the Ordinance taken from
the Births and Deaths Registration
Act, 1874, appear to have been in-
cluded without being fully adapted
to the circumstances of the Colony,
and on the other hand, certain
portions of the Act, which might
well have been adopted, have been
omitted.

OUR STADIUM.

PLANS FOR SCHEME MATURING.

READY FOR ASSOCIATION.

The Hongkong Stadium Com-
mittee, of which Mr. R. J. Wilton is
President and Mr. F. T. James
Honorary Secretary, are issuing
invitations to all leagues, associa-
tions and clubs interested in sport
to appoint representatives to attend
a meeting at the Hongkong Hotel
at 6 p.m. on October 15.

Negotiations with the Govern-
ment have now reached the stage
when the construction of a Stadium
in Hongkong can be considered a
possibility of the near future.
Plans have been submitted to the
Government, a *China Mail* rep-
resentative was informed last
night, and—with the kind
co-operation of the Military
Authorities—a site has been agreed
upon at Sookumpoo. The Govern-
ment has assured the Committee of
its warm support of the scheme.

The Committee now consider it
advisable that an Association be
formed to be called the Hongkong
Stadium Association.

For the purpose of forming this
Association, any Sports League or
Association "having a membership
of at least four clubs" shall be
entitled to participate in the
management of the Association.
Any Club shall be entitled to a
representative on the Association
provided it has teams taking part in
four different field sports.

At the meeting on October 15, it
is the desire of the Stadium Com-
mittee to submit the Memorandum
and Articles of Association to the
representatives of local sports clubs
for approval. If this is forthcoming,
the necessary committees will be
formed to arrange for the construc-
tion of the Stadium without delay.

Present indications are that de-
spite the attempt to dam the pro-
posal first put forward in the
columns of the *China Mail*, Hong-
kong will possess an up-to-date
Stadium before another 12 months
have passed. The manner in which
the Council of the Hongkong Foot-
ball Association, the Colonial
Secretary, the Military Authorities
and the members of the Stadium
Committee have worked, to bring
the scheme within the realm of
practical politics, is deserving of
the highest praise. Mr. R. J. Wilton
and all co-operating with him have
placed the sport-loving public
under a deep obligation. An
obligation which, it is to be hoped,
will be repaid with interest by
present and future generations.

COLOFN Y CYMRO.

"SHAKESPEARE AND THE WELSH."

Mr. Ben B. Esau of Malden,
Mass., U.S.A. writes:—

"There was an interesting item
in a recent 'Tidy-side Advertiser'
in regard to the publication of the
Shakespeare's folios. It does not
seem to be generally known, even
among Welsh scholars, that the
Principality played a prominent
part in this famous production, for
its printer was a Cymro named
Roberts. As all lovers of old books
know, it was long the custom among
the early printers to carry on the
title pages of the works they pro-
duced both a device and a motto.
I have forgotten the device of the
Shakespeare early folios, but the
motto was that well known
Welsh one of—'Heb Ddw heb
ddin.'"

It has often been asserted that
Shakespeare was partly of Welsh
descent, which is quite possible, but
some have thought that this claim
was largely based on the carrying of
a Welsh motto on the title pages
of the early editions of the great
dramatist, and which we now know
to have been the motto adopted by
the printer and with which Shake-
speare himself had nothing to do.

Though printing is said not to
have been established in Wales till
a comparatively late date,—(a few
years ago a commemorative anniver-
sary was held at Adar Newcastle
Emlyn, of the establishment of the
first printing office in South Wales.)
it is interesting to know that at least
a century before that time Welsh-
men were prominent in London
both as publishers and printers,
the Roberts referred to being a case
in point.

Tidy-side Advertiser, May '20.

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sary of the birth of Confucius when
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BOOKS

NEW NOVELS.

Midwinter. By John Buchan.

Find an ale-house which, whatever its sign, has an open fire painted beneath it, or a cross-road with a tuft of broom tied to the signpost. Whistle there the catch I taught you last night, and maybe the Naked Men will come to your aid.

Alastair MacLean obeys these instructions, to his great good fortune on divers occasions, for the Naked Men are the men of Old England, the race that has incursively survived Roman, Saxon, Dane, and Norman, and whose will is the spirit that rules the English country.

It is the "45." Prince Charlie has crossed the border, and is marching south to Derby; Waplog, Pelham, and the Whig Ministry spin their plots in London; the West's awake and George of Hanover must fight for his throne, and Miss Claudia Grey, in whose family Samuel Johnson is employed as tutor, has eloped with Sir John Norreys. Capt. Alastair MacLean, a Scotch gentleman of the Royal Fusiliers, has gone on a rather delicate mission to his Lord Cornbury, but turns to ride north with Johnson (who is a monstrous bad rider, but a hearty tronehman) to find the lady and bring news of import to the Stuart Prince. All England is riding, marching, waiting the result, and the result hangs upon a thread.

It is Johnson who motivates the deaconess by forcing MacLean to choose between saving the soul of Sir John and saving the Stuart cause. MacLean makes the hard choice, which leaves him stripped and naked to the end, face to face with himself at last, and with no need to lower his eyes.

Over it all Mr. Buchan casts a glamour that cannot be conveyed save by reading the book. "Midwinter" is again one of his splendid tales: one man matching his wits against many, with great affairs in the event, all beneath the naked sky, with doblings, and ruses, and captures and escapes. It is a theme as old as mankind, as clean and elemental as the ancient songs and the old, old things the sense of which broods over all of Mr. Buchan's work. "The theme is familiar in the cinema, and

occurs just after the hurrying of the largest of the custard pies. Mr. Buchan's pursuit makes the cinema affairs seem as tasteless and tepid as the custard pie that begets them. Events submerge his portrayal of Samuel Johnson, for the story is amusingly hung upon the framework of a hypothetical explanation, complete with documents, of a hiatus in the life of the lexicographer. Once at least we get the authentic Johnsonian note, when Johnson declares claret to be at best a liquor for boys, "for me port, and for heroes brandy."

If "Midwinter" be not brassy, it is certainly not claret. It is a book for men which will be loved by boys and heroes, and while the common-sense adage, hackneyed enough to be Johnsonian, tells us that any port is a refuge in stormy weather, this vintage will go best with clear autumn weather and the wine-like days of Indian summer.

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WAYWARD ANNE.

Anne is one of those batchelor girls possessed of small incomes and the spirit of independence who think that they can live their lives and carve their own destinies without the aid of a mere male, until old Mother Nature sends along the right male at the right moment and then the walls of independence crumble and ignominiously disappear. Brian Carroll is the male who accomplishes the breakdown of Anne's big ideas.

Brian, an author of some repute, lived in the same lot of flats as Anne but this young lady was so difficult of approach that they passed one another continually without speaking until one day Brian's dog jumping on Anne, soiled her dress, then Brian apologized. From that date a friendship sprang up between them. Anne dabbled in short writing with no great success—Brian securing an opportunity to be of service used his influence in persuading a publisher to accept one of them and thereby earned Anne's gratitude. Their friendship got to a stage when they exchanged the keys of their flats and dropped in to see one another at any old time. Anne when leaving Brian's flat one day is met by Mrs. Hargrave, a modern

Mrs. Grundy, one of those gossiping old mothers-meeting women always on the hunt for scandal. Mrs. Hargrave expounded to Anne on the error of her ways and informs her that Brian Carroll is a forger with a past that would not bear investigation: Anne tells Mrs. Hargrave what she thinks of her and the good lady is shocked.

At the request of a friend Anne takes a little girl to a Welsh village for a holiday and just when she is feeling lonely and homesick Brian appears and Brian confesses his love to Anne, but there is something in his past which he cannot tell her about and she accepts his offer and agrees to ask no questions. The course of true love never did run smooth—Anne's few remaining friends cut her dead when she announced her engagement but this only brings the lovers closer together. Happy days speed by and woman-like Anne begins to grow curious about Brian's past and tries to worm the secret from him but he remains adamant—the two fiery spirits quarrel and in a burst of passion Anne breaks their engagement.

Lady Carroll, Brian's mother, meets with a serious accident and on her deathbed sends for her son and asks Brian to continue shielding his brother Felix who forged his father's name to a cheque for £10,000. Brian tries to get his mother to release him from his promise to take the blame of the crime but she pleads with him to save his brother's name. The father overhears the conversation, learns the truth about the forgery, reinstates Brian and orders Felix to get out of the country. Meantime Anne has been morbid and gloomy, her shattered romance had made her quite a different individual from the former high-spirited, self-confident girl. She receives a letter from Brian telling her the glad news and pleading for an interview but Anne refuses to answer the letter. Several days afterwards Brian meets her in a Park looking haggard and worn out—she still refuses to marry him and after many weeks resistance the wayward headstrong girl succumbs to the appeal made by Sir John Carroll her lover's father, and well—alls well that ends well.

A very lively novel from the pen of a successful author. It is described as "a delightful and vivacious merited."

—W. W. M.

[Wayward Anne. Curtis Yorke. John Long, 7/6.]

THE PASSING OF PIERRE LOTI.

When Pierre Loti proclaimed that his "Suprêmes Visions d'Orient" was his last book, the literary world looked upon the announcement as but another progressive farce; for his leave-taking began over decade ago in his foreword to "Le Chateau de la Belle-au-Bois-Dormant." Since then, volumes have continued to issue from his pen, several of them containing similar assurances, and his readers rejoiced that this most gifted writer of poetic prose found messages still unspoken which demanded expression.

"I have finished my small terrestrial rôle," he wrote, "but one may still dispute the oldest estimate of the importance of his work. The rank of Loti's writings rank as the finest descriptive examples in modern literature. In them the readers hear the sounds which came to Loti's ears, and even sense the perfumes and the colours. No writer ever took his audience so intimately into his own inner shrine, yet left them so uncertain of where fact ended and fiction began.

Born a Frenchman, he made the cause of the Turks so great a part of himself that he assimilated and expressed many of their characteristics. Essentially opposed to progress, which annihilates everything it does not comprehend, and destroys beauty everywhere and replaces it nowhere," Louis Marie Julien Vaud, as he was known outside his books, practically forsok Occidental civilization and found refuge from the modern "pace" in the lethargic life of the Orientals. But here the assimilation ceased. Loti never accepted for himself the immutability of his adopted brethren.

Loti's life was an exaggerated example of that protest which every writer feels at times against the inexorable demands outside his profession made by even the simple life, as it is lived to-day. He may escape it temporarily by flying to the woods or to the mountain top, but the atmosphere in which he has lived is so charged with dynamic force that he cannot avoid carrying it with him. The old days of going into retreat while under the influence of an undelivered message can never be lived again. They may be imitated, but like all imitations, they can never be wholly satisfying. Loti was so filled with fiery martial instinct that he denounced the fact that his seventy years prevented him from active participation in the World War, yet he shuddered at the turmoil caused by modern inven-

NEW BOOKS.

Scopos. Harry G. Greenwall. Stanley Paul. 10s. 6d.

For some odd reason daily journalism is supposed to be an unconventional calling. Nothing, alas, can find its way into the news columns of a newspaper except in the most strictly conventional dress. The reporter, or special correspondent in a foreign capital, who told you of his day's experiences in the bright, realistic, colloquial way of a man at the club, or sitting at ease in a deck chair in the garden, would have his dispatch rejected by the sub-editors and sent down to the editor-in-chief as evidence that he had gone mad. That is why the papers are so dull. Each represents a stereotyped compromise acceptable to the too many administrative cooks "higher up" who conscientiously spoil the original broth and plume themselves on their efficiency. Now and again, in consequence, but not nearly often enough, the news gatherer turns and gives us a book of news as he saw it, and we realise what shrewd, kindly, and enterprising fellows are these gentlemen of the Press; from the youths who loyally carry out the obnoxious orders that expose them to the snubs and condescension of petty bureaucrats and strutting "merchant princes," to the resident "specials" in Paris, Berlin, and Rome, who mirror a nation to us stay-at-homes. Mr. Greenwall, for many years a Paris correspondent, has written a most able and interesting book of news-gathering experiences. Among his many good stories we like especially the incident in the Bernese hotel where an officious Swiss officer strode up to a young English officer, in the hall, and truculently demanded why he had omitted to salute the Swiss General and his comrades on the other side of the lobby. "What General?" he asked. The Swiss pointed to an ornate group. "Good Lord!" apologized the young man. "I thought that was part of the band."

(Book Club No.)

tions and by the constantly accumulating speed of world events. "It is impossible," he wrote, "to battle successfully against this modern swirl which overturns everything and reduces everything to the same monotonous level."

To many readers in the future Loti's appeals, falling on ears which understand not, will sound grotesque; to others they will recall something which was inexpressibly beautiful, even while standing as an obstacle in the advance of the modern juggernaut.

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A well-known English critic once wrote that no man could be considered educated who had not read Saint-Simon—a hard saying and perhaps not to be taken too seriously, for maybe the critic was rigid about Saint-Simon because he had just discovered him or maybe he was just showing off. But, if one has to be dogmatic on what everyone should read, Mr. John Lane is making it uncommonly difficult for anyone to put up a defence who has not read some at least of the works produced by the rich genius of Anatole France. Four more books have just been published in the Popular Edition which, for the price (cloth 2s. 6d. net, leather 3s. net) and with its good, clear printing, is an attractive bargain in these desperate times. "The Revolt of the Angels," "The Aspirations of Jean Servien," "The Well of St. Clare," "Jocasta," and "The Panished Cat" (the last two in one volume) are in themselves a pretty good mirror, even though there are others which serve even better, of the wit and the learning, the irony

and the rippling reflections that illuminate the work of France. For the lover of the author and of all handsome books there is also "Clio" and "The Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte" by the same publishers in the handsome 7s. 6d. edition. One can only wish a wider diffusion of these translations. There are no doubt some who, though they do not deny the brilliance of France, yet disapprove of him. But he is not meant, nor would he desire, to be treated as a pontiff. He may be read, if the reader likes, with the cool, sane scepticism which he himself so delicately practises. But he is not to be ignored, nor, with the help of such editions as Mr. John Lane's, is he likely to be.

(Book Club various numbers.)

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FILMS

PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

Coronet.—Frank Keenan and Anna Nilson in "Hearts Aflame."

World.—"Soldiers of Fortune."

Star, Kowloon.—Viola Dana in "Cinderella's Twin," Buster Keaton in "Cops," and Vedevil.

FILM TOPICS.

HENRY AINLEY AS "CROMWELL."

Almost immediately Maurice Elvey will start upon a new Stoll Picture Production, in which Henry Ainsley will be featured. "The Royal Oak," the title of the new film, was produced as a Drury Lane drama in 1880, and was one of the biggest successes of its day. It has long been Maurice Elvey's ambition to introduce to the screen the grand historical figure of Cromwell, but he realised it would be impossible to do so unless a romantic story was wrapped around the theme—the film public demanding romance, not biography.

The figure of Cromwell provides abundant opportunity for remarkable characterisation and strength, and in Henry Ainsley Stoll's have secured an actor whose Cromwellian studies are a glory of the British stage.

The royal oak, from which the film takes its title, is the oak at Bosobell which sheltered Charles II. after his escape from the Battle of Worcester. The production will deal with the conflict that arose out of the escape of Charles II. In this connection it is interesting to note that "The Tavern Knight," a comparatively early Stoll Picture Production, directed by Maurice Elvey, portrayed the Battle of Worcester, from which the Stuart King escaped.

DOUBLING FILM FROCKS.

Owing to the many exciting experiences which Nigel Barrie and Phyllis Lytton have to undergo for the new George Clark picture, "Diana of the Islands," in which they are playing the leading parts, both artists have had to have "doubles" made for all the clothes which they will wear in the film.

The shipwreck, one of the most thrilling incidents in the film, takes place at night, and Miss Lytton wears an evening frock for these scenes. As it will probably be necessary to film some of these incidents several times, and as it is quite probable that the evening gown will be ruined before the essential scenes are completed, Miss Lytton will take an emergency duplicate with her.

"It will seem a sin to ruin the frock," says Miss Lytton, "for it is really very beautiful. I shall keep the remnants that are left as a souvenir."

"PEG WOFFINGTON."

Following the completion of the film version of "The School for Scandal," in which Miss Queneau Thomas appears as Lady Teazle, Mr. Bertram Phillips, who produced the film, announces that he is now making arrangements for Miss Thomas's new film. It will take the form of a screen version of Peg Woffington's adventures. Although this subject was filmed some years ago, the new version will undoubtedly prove a very popular feature.

Miss Thomas, who has returned from the Continent, is now busy supervising the designing of the frocks which she will wear for the part.

"OLD BILL."

The attention of Captain Bruce Bairnsfather has been called to the announcement of the forthcoming film production called "Old Bill of Paris." These announcements are sometimes accompanied by photographs, some of which bear so striking a resemblance to Capt. Bairnsfather's "Old Bill" that many members of the public mistaking the title and picture will undoubtedly associate these with Captain Bairns-

father's work. The production in question is slated to be based on Anatole France's novel "Crainquebille."

Captain Bairnsfather, we are informed, has already arranged for the production of a film called "Old Bill Through the Ages," which is almost ready. He desires to inform members of the public who desire to see his forthcoming film that the film "Old Bill of Paris" does not in any way illustrate the adventures of Captain Bairnsfather's "Old Bill."

BABY PEGGY.

Baby Peggy, the four-year-old genius whose entrance into the film world has caused quite a sensation, will, we hear, shortly be seen on the British screen, after having had an auspicious presentation to H.R.H. Princess Mary at the Royal Invitation Film Matinee. Baby Peggy was described by the Photoplay Editor of the New York World as "one of the most interesting figures in the picture play," while the well-known critic, Harriett Underhill, of the New York Tribune, declares that "Baby Peggy is the most fascinating kid we have seen in our life, and a wonderful actress in the bargain. If ever she makes a personal appearance we intend to kidnap her."

She is indeed one of the most attractive kiddies that have ever appeared on the screen. Just as Jackie Coogan is the cleverest little boy actor, so Baby Peggy stands foremost among little girl actresses of the films. You will probably like to know how it was that she commenced her career while still a baby. It happened like this. The Century Comedy people wanted a child to appear in pictures with Brownie, their Wonder Dog, so they inserted an advertisement in a journal. Peggy's father saw it, and brought his tiny daughter to the studio, where she was chosen out of 300 applicants. Since when she has appeared in one successful picture after another.

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CINEMA CHATTER.

An Idea!

As far as I can see, this winter, for many of our unfortunate unemployed, promises to be one of the utmost severity. So poor are the prospects that any project which might possibly bring relief is worthy of some attention. Let us look, then, at our cinema industry.

American critics themselves admit that producers on this side are making films which compare favourably with any pictures in the world. The trouble is that America, whose film industry was fostered to its present immense proportions largely during the war, has a stranglehold on our cinema industry, which enables it to dump its relegate on us at prices with which British production cannot compete, since to all intents and purposes every penny taken on American films in Britain is profit, the costs of production having been more than covered in the States.

Sift Them Out!

It has been suggested, therefore, that the entertainment tax be remitted in the case of all cinematograph exhibitors who guarantee to show a given proportion of British films; or that just as America sifts out human immigrants into that country, Britain should sift out films imported from the States, more especially those primarily designed for the half-witted polyglot American immigrant, whose mental pabulum it is an insult to offer to the race which gave America civilisation.

That, at least, is a suggestion, and, believe me, one worthy of consideration.

Emotion Testing Instrument.

It was announced recently that at the British Association's Annual Congress, to be held at Liverpool, Dr. Wynn Jones would discuss the subject, of galvanometric testing of emotions. Curiously enough, the idea of such an instrument, both for amusement and utilitarian purposes, was anticipated in the Gaumont film "One Wild Week," in which Bobo Daniels, the film star, is featured. In the film much amusement is derived from the utilisation of an instrument to discover whether various young people are in love, but it is also suggested that the instrument might be used as a sort of mild form of third degree for criminals.

Cinema Schools.

I have a note from Guy Newall, who has some interesting views on the subject of schools for cinema acting. He feels sure, in spite of all the present-day talk against these institutions, that if a school was started and run on really practical lines it would be a help to the British film industry.

"Film acting," he says, "is the only profession that I know that everybody thinks he or she is suited for. All around me I hear films spoken of by those outside the business as a sort of easy recourse for money-making. Fathers have daughters who, they are convinced, 'would do very well on the films,' while every mother that I meet seems to have a child that is in her opinion a 'born Jackie Coogan.' I receive letters almost weekly from girls who write—I have a good job at £3 a week, but I want to give it up to be a film star. They do not understand when you write back—'Don't!'"

Rather!

A giant negro strolled into the office of the Hope Hampton studio the other day and asked where the casting was done.

"Are you an actor?" asked the assistant director.

"Actor?" cross-questioned the big negro.

"Why, man, Ah cain play any part in any pitcher, 'ceptin' de lead in 'Little Lohd Pountelroy.' There's being no immediate need for his services, he was asked to leave his card. On the corner of the pasteboard was printed—"I specialise in 'Nubian Slaves,' 'Congo Kings,' and 'Maori Bushmen.'"

"Squibs" Honeymoon.

Sending greetings from Dieppe, where she has been holiday-making since she finished work in "Squibs, M.P.," Betty Balfour tells me what a splendid time she has been having, and gives an account of the people she has met on the French shore, including Georges Carpentier and his charming wife and chic little daughter. Her holiday has not been a very long one, for she returns this week to get ready for the next Welsh-Pendron production, "Squibs' Honeymoon."

Nigel Barrie as Claude Duval.

The Gaumont people tell me that the production of "Claude Duval" will be commenced almost immediately. The title-rôle is to be played by Nigel Barrie, who has played "Joan" with the Talmadge Sisters, Katherine Macdonald, and

Clara Kimball Young, and has particularly distinguished himself in the recent Gaumont British production, "Fires of Fate" and "Lights of London."

I Have Seen.

"Java Head," a beautifully artistic reproduction of Herge's novel, was easily the best thing of the week. The acting was splendid throughout, with Leatrice Joy outstanding.

Lou Chaney again takes the "abused cripple" part in "Shock"—and is about as convincing as he usually is. The best thing in the whole film is the reproduction of an earthquake scene based on the "Frisco affair in 1906. For the rest, a poor show.

"Whom the Gods would Destroy" is the old, old death or glory stuff, dealing with a young American's adventures on the Continent during the late war. The sooner producers learn that the cinema-going public isn't composed of school boys, the better will it be.

As is the case with those other German productions of which I have written from time to time, "Samson and Delilah," is notable, if only for its wonderful attention to detail and the great "crowd" work. The old Biblical story is interwoven with a modern version, and without a doubt the result is most satisfactory. All over, a most artistic show.

"The Young Rajah," despite the inclusion of Rodolph Valentino in the cast, is pretty dull stuff. The Dharmaagar scenes are more Hollywood than Oriental, while the whole production has an atmosphere of unreality which is far from pleasing. The denouement is quite good.

Few films have pleased me less than "Ladies Must Live," a most improbable tale, which has as its theme the power of money in the love market. It is redeemed somewhat by the acting of Betty Compson and Leatrice Joy.

One of the most entertaining pictures I have seen for some time is "One Wild Week," a really good story, in which a girl (Bebe Daniels) is unjustly locked up in a detention home, but, after many wild adventures, has her innocence proved by means of the invention of a most presentable young man, to whom she gives her heart. Really good, this.

WM. FARNUM IN BIG FEATURE.

A great treat doubtless is in store for lovers of Dickens at the World soon when William Fox will present his super-production "A Tale of Two Cities." None of the many novels written by the famous English author has had the hold upon the American people achieved by this thrilling story of the French Revolution.

Equally important with the announcement of the picture is the news that William Farnum assumes the dual rôle of Sidney Carton and Charles Darnay—a task that tests and proves the intense dramatic powers of this favourite of the screen.

The many passages of Dickens' book saturated with emotion should enable Mr. Farnum to display his abilities to a marked degree, and a photoplay of record-breaking impressiveness is promised by William Fox.

A cast of unusual excellence supports Mr. Farnum, among its members being Jewel Carmen, Charles Clary, Hershel Mayall, Rosita Robbins and Olive White.

"SHOULD A DOCTOR TELL."

Ideal Films, Ltd., announce that they have acquired the much-discussed picture, "Should a Doctor Tell?" and will be releasing it to the theatres immediately. The picture was produced under the supervision of Mr. G. B. Samuelson.

"The Starlit Garden" is a very ordinary story, full of those maddening absurdities which make you feel around for something to throw. In the first place young and charming girls don't leave their guests immediately after dinner to go boating in the dark for no obvious reason; nor do they pretend to walk in their sleep and enter a man's bedroom, just to convince same that they love him. The heroine in "The Starlit Garden" is full of these tricks. The photography is good, and there is some charming pretty stuff from Ivy Duke and Guy Newall.



James J. Jeffries, former world's champion heavyweight-fighter, has turned evangelist, and there is trip-hammer force to his vocal punches, as can be seen from this unusually good photograph, taken on his ranch at Burbank, Cal. Jeffries is now arranging a tour of the world, preaching the doctrine of amalgamation of peoples of the white races to promote the highest standard of civilization.



Under the press of business that fell on him when he assumed the Presidency, Mr. Coolidge has been actually too busy to go to the dining room for a real luncheon since he has been in Washington. Mrs. Coolidge, practical housewife, insists that Mr. Coolidge partake of nourishment and prepares a light luncheon for him in their private apartments in the Hotel Willard, serving it to the President at his desk.



Here are a group of early photographs of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, showing the new Chief Magistrate of the United States when he was a senior at Amherst College and when he graduated. Mrs. Coolidge, who before her marriage to the struggling young lawyer was Miss Grace Goodhue, is shown as a girl of 8, as a graduate of Vermont University and with her first baby, John, now a student officer in the Military Training Corps at Camp Devens, Mass.



William Chester McDonald has been strapped to a board in a sanitarium in Atlantic City, N. J., for five years, with the prospect that he will spend his frail life in that posture. A year ago, when President Warren G. Harding visited the city, he called on the little cripple and tried to cheer him up, for the President loved children. A few days later little Billy received an autographed photograph of the President, which has since been his most cherished possession. When Billy heard of the death of his great friend, he was heartbroken. Now he has proposed—and his proposition has been agreed upon—that the children of America build a memorial to the friend of the children, with their pennies. The memorial is to be built at the coming sesqui-centennial exposition at Philadelphia, and dedicated to Warren G. Harding. Mrs. Winifred Stoner, lecturer and author, who started the ball rolling with a check for \$1,000 is shown with Billy holding the late President's autographed photograph.



Frau Dr. Erdmann, noted German woman physician, has been placed at the head of the research laboratory in the newly opened Berlin Institute for the Study of Living Cells, in connection with a search for a cancer cure. She is shown at her laboratory work table.



If there hadn't been police union in Boston there wouldn't have been a police strike. And if there hadn't been a police strike Calvin Coolidge, then Governor of Massachusetts, wouldn't have had a chance to refuse to "arbitrate the law." As it was, the Governor took a firm hold in the crisis, ordered State troops to do police duty and refused to permit the strikers to return to their post. Overnight he became a national figure, and his nomination to the Vice-Presidency followed. The man who organized the police union and led the strike was John F. McInnes, World War veteran. McInnes, who banded 1,400 policemen together, lost his job, along with 1,100 of his comrades. He is said now to be dying of an incurable malady, in the outskirts of Boston. Governor Coolidge is shown inspecting the National Guard on September 16, 1919 during the strike.

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CHURCH NOTES.

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

THE EPISTLE.

"All our dignity consists in thought. It is by that and not by time or space, that we should raise ourselves. Let us therefore labour to think rightly: that is the principle of morality."

It is one of the great dangers of our times that the hustle and competition of life are forgetting how to think. Life leaves us to create our own thoughts till like many other things we accept them 'ready made'; too tired even for serious reading so that the cinema has taken its place because it literally leaves nothing to the imagination. St. Paul sets no less value on right thinking than Pascal, warning us at the outset in this Epistle of the simplest duties and relationships of life "not to walk in emptiness of mind."

Two great thoughts must dominate all others in the minds of Christians, who at Baptism become members of the Catholic Church—men and women by nature, by birth, by race, by temperament, very different from one another, but bound by a common fellowship to strive after unity. For Catholicism means brotherhood, inspired as St. Augustine says by 'love grown as wide as the world.' The thought that the Holy Spirit Who has us to the day of redemption will mould us into the pattern of Jesus Christ if we submit to the inflowing of His grace; and the thought of God's forgiveness through Christ to us, compelling us in gratitude to give to all a like forgiveness.

We must not be 'individual' Christians, but work for the common good. We are members of a Body of which Christ is the Head and unless our aims are corporate, other members will suffer, therefore Christians strive for—

Truthfulness: falsehood and deceit imply separate interests. Self restraint in temper; lest we injure other members by word or deed. Labour for the common good: property must not be used selfishly and idleness is condemned. "If any man will not work, neither let him eat."

Profitable Speech: Avoidance of evil speaking or impure stories is not enough, our words should influence for good, "build up" namely—bring refreshment, counsel, pleasure, a blessing to the hearers.

THE GOSPEL.

It was part of the universal expectation of the Jews that God in the Messianic Age would, in some way, send salvation from sin and it was this claim of Jesus to forgive sins that especially offended the Pharisees and Scribes, who refused to believe that He was the Son of God with authority to heal souls as well as bodies. In this story His first words to the sick man are "Thy sins be forgiven thee" and the Scribes are honestly jealous for the honour of God, to say nothing, but He unto Whom all hearts are open, knows their inmost thoughts—that they judge Him and at once He deals with it. He will prove to them that He has been given authority to heal by one word, bodies as well as souls.

The poor man who is waiting on his bed, unable to move, is half fearfully looking up into the face of Jesus while He talks with His accusers, and the pained man wonders Who this Healer can be, for the doubt in his own heart has also been read—he himself had not been able to seek help, he fears that his sickness is in part due to his sins and Jesus knows this fear for His first words are of comforting assurance "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee." Will Christ cure his disease?—if He knew about his fear, He will also know that it is not his faith but those persistent efforts of his friends which have at last brought him to Jesus—why they were so full of a confident determination, so certain of His power, that they would step at nothing! Think of it, when they find the passages were so crowded that they could not carry him into the house, and fretfully he had told them to take him home again, they had only laughed and determined to get to Jesus they went on to the roof, took it off and so laid their friend at His feet!

The meaning of the Gospel is so simple, but so difficult to follow—we are not like the man's friends, when we find the passages blocked and we cannot get near to Jesus, we turn away: the philosophers and theologians, and modern thinkers crowd us out and we forget there is another way—He Himself has taught. Of course it will be a trouble to take off the roof, of course there will be all sorts of difficulties in our way, but we shall be encouraged remembering His words, "Only one thing is necessary" like Mary, the sister of Lazarus, not rest content till we can sit at His feet.

ST. EDWARD, KING AND CONFESSOR.

Westminster Abbey owes much of its grandeur to this saintly King of England.

He did not think he would succeed to the Crown as he was the youngest of Ethelred's sons,

CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IN MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Hongkong, 7th October 1923.
19th Sunday after Trinity.
Holy Communion (9 a.m.)
Child's Service (10 a.m.)
Evening (7 p.m.)
Responses: First: V. Hito: Tuckor (18th day): Psalm: 111, 112, 113; Te Deum: Ross H. Jones, Pyc; Benedictus: London: Hymns: 261, 160.
Holy Communion (2 noon).
Evening (6 p.m.)
Responses: First: Psalm: 120, 121, 122, 123; Magnificat: Smith: Nuno Dimittis: Bantley; Hymns: 224, 261, 20.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Queen's Road East.

(Opposite Royal Naval Hospital), Wanchai.

Sunday, 7th October 1923.
10.15 a.m. Divine Service and Vespers and Holy Communion. Subject: "The Universal Fellowship." (Suggested by experience during recent earthquake in Japan). Preacher: Rev. C. Clouston. Holy Communion. Sunday School opens on Dec 7th at 3 p.m.
Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting and Social Hour. Address by the Chaplain Wednesday, 8.30 p.m. Opening Devotional Meeting of the Wesleyan Guild. Subject: "The Conversion of Jesus." Address by the President of the Guild.

Union Church (Kennedy Road).

Sunday Services, 7th October 1923.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.
Hymns: 117, 733, 354, 205.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.
Hymns: 122, 390, 271, 340.
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macrae; Tuesday: 7.15 p.m. Organ Concert at 8 p.m.; Gillies and Sullivan Evening arranged by Mr. S. Collett.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

7th October 1923.
19th Sunday after Trinity.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Song, Kuchait and Sermon.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Macdonnell Road, Below Bowen Ford Tram Station.
Sunday, 11.15 a.m.
Wednesday, 5.45 p.m.

and he made a vow when the Danes had driven him into exile, to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Peter's and St. Paul at Rome. However all his brothers died young and he became King of England; he could not break his solemn oath and assembled the chief Lords and Councilors of the land that they might decide who should govern during his absence. They were very distressed at the thought of their saintly King leaving them and begged that a deputation be sent to Rome, asking for a dispensation from the Pope to release Edward from his vow. Leo IX received the Ambassadors and granted dispensation, enjoining the King to give all the money that his pilgrimage would have cost to the poor and to found a monastery in honour of St. Peter or to add to the endowments of an old one. All these conditions were accepted by Edward the Confessor, the Danegelt tax was remitted and the Abbey of Westminster (founded in the 8th century) owes most of its grandeur to the King's pious vow. In A.D. 1065 the Abbey was finished and on the Holy Innocent's day dedicated to St. Peter, the Queen attended the ceremony but the King was too ill to go and a few weeks later passed away and with him ended the line of Anglo Saxon Kings who had filled the throne of England for nearly six centuries. His body was buried in Westminster Abbey and William the Conqueror enclosed the tomb of the Royal Saint in a shrine enriched with gold and silver. Ever since the reign of Edward Westminster Abbey has been the place for the coronation of the Kings of England, and the chair of state in which the monarch sits still bears the name of the Royal Saint as do also the crown, sceptre and golden staff. English History tells of Edward's many good deeds and great charity, numerous miracles and cures were performed by him and it was by his hand that the first recorded cure of scrofula or 'King's Evil' was wrought. From his time till the Hanoverian dynasty, this prerogative was exercised by our Sovereigns and a special service called 'The Ceremonies' or 'Prayer for the Healing was printed in the Book of Common Prayer until the reign of George I. An ancient biographer says of Edward the Confessor that among the other kings of England 'he shone as the morning star in the midst of a cloud of like the full moon he gave light in his days.'

St. Francis Sales once said "My test of the real worth of a preacher is when his congregation go away saying not 'What a beautiful sermon' but 'I will do something'."

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Bank Wire ... 2/3-1/4

On demand ... 2/3-1/4

30 days sight ... 2/3-1/4

4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

Credits, 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

Documentary 4 months sight ... 2/3-1/4

On Paris ... 880

On Berlin ... 936

On demand ... 880

On New York ... 812

On Bombay ... 881

On Shanghai ... 107 1/2

On Calcutta ... 107 1/2

On Singapore ... 107 1/2

On Manila ... 107 1/2

On Hongkong ... 107 1/2

On demand ... 107 1/2

On 30 days sight (private paper) ... 107 1/2

On Yokohama ... 106

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola) ... 48.80

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ... 8.80

Silver (per oz) ... 31-1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub. ... 1/2 pm.

" 10 " ... 1/2 pm.

" 5 " ... 1/2 pm.

Canton coins ... 187.50 % dis.

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 8 1/2 pm.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 6th, 1923.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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Names.		Stock Exchange.	Sharebrokers Association.
BANKS.			
B.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate			
on London ...	2/3		2/3
And-on Shanghai ...	\$ 733		\$ 733
Hongkong Bank ...	\$ 1150 b.		n. 1150
Chartered Bank ...	\$ 1150 b.		n. 1150
P. & O. Bank ...	\$ 1150 b.		n. 1150
East Asia Bank ...	\$ 1150 b.		n. 1150
Mercantile Bank A & B	\$ 1150 b.		n. 1150
do. O	\$ 1150 n.		n. "A" 1.5
Marine Insurance			
Canton Insurance ...	\$ 647 b.		b. 615
North China Insurance ...	T 140 b.		b. 140
Union Insurance ...	\$ 233 b. 213 aa.		b. 233
Insurance Yangtze ...	\$ 271 b.		b. 271
Far Eastern ...	—		—
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance ...	\$ 131 b.		b. 133
Hongkong Fire Insurance ...	\$ 500 b.		b. 500
Shipping			
Douglasse ...	\$ 60 b.		a. 63
H.K. Steamboats ...	\$ 44 b.		b. 44
Indo-China (Prof.) ...	\$ 33 b. & sa.		n. 35
do. (Def.) ...	\$ 127 n.		n. 120
do. (H.K. Reg.) ...	\$ 127 n.		n. 120
Shell Transporta ...	\$ 70 n.		n. 70
Star Fories ...	\$ 54 f.		b. 54
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	\$ 1 b. & sa.		n. 1
Refineries			
China Sugar ...	\$ 210 b.		n. 237
Malacca Sugar ...	\$ 613 n.		a. 63
Mining			
Kailan Mining Adm. ...	\$ 64 b.		b. 65
Langkat ...			
Shanghai Loans ...	Comb. T 351 a. 351 aa.		n. 351
Shai Explorations ...			
Raul ...	\$ 5 n.		a. 5
Tromph Mine ...	\$ 39 b.		b. 39
Urul Caspian ...	\$ 123 n.		
Benguet Con. ...	P. 34 n.		
Cocks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
B. & K. Wharves ...	\$ 103 b.		n. 159
B. & W. Dock ...	\$ 154 b.		n. 159
Shai Docks ...	T 93 b. 95 a.		a. 94 aa. 93
New Engineering ...	T 729 b. 71 sa.		b. 730
B. K. Engineering ...	T 198 b.		
Shanghai Hongkows ...			
Land, Hotels & Buildings			
Hongkong Hotel ...	\$ 77 b. & sa. New 23.85 b.	(b. 271 aa. 271/1 New b. 271/1	
Hongkong Lands ...	\$ 18 b.	a. 84	
Humphrey ...	\$ 331 b.	b. 231	
Kowloon Lands ...	\$ 65 b.	b. 69	
Land Reclamations ...	—		
Princes Building ...	\$ 125 b.	b. 125	
Cotton Mills			
Kong Yee Mills, Ltd. ...	T 121 b. 121/1 aa.	b. 1345 a. 13.65 aa. 13.405	
Kong Yee ...			
Leong Kung Mow ...			
Oriental ...	T 510 b. 51 sa.	b. 52	
Shanghai Cotton ...	T 601 n. c. rta.	s 60 c. rta.	
Yangtze ...			
Miscellaneous			
Cements ...	\$ 261 a.	(b. 261	
China-Bureau ...			
China Lights (Old) ...	\$ 14.85 n.	b. 14.65	
do. (New) ...	\$ 14.70 n.	b. 14.60	
China Provident ...	\$ 234 b.	a. 241/20	
Delux Tarn ...	\$ 234 b.	b. 23	
H.K. Electric ...	\$ 234 b.	b. 212 aa. 212	
Macao, Do. ...	\$ 231 n.		
Hongkong and Canton Tool ...	—	a. 9.50	
Hongkong Ropes ...	\$ 33 b.	b. 33	
Hongkong Tramways ...	\$ 23 b. 21 aa.	b. 31 aa. 22.55/24	
Park Tramway (Old) ...	\$ 1 n.		
do. (New) ...	\$ 1 n.	n. 1	
Steam Lard ...	—	—	
H.K. Steel Foundry ...	\$ —		
Water-Bois ...	\$ 167 b.	n. 173	
Watson ...	\$ 23 aa.	b. 24.90	
Wong ...	\$ —		
Lauo Cereals ...	\$ 171 n.	a. 17.90	
Canton Tool ...	\$ 23.20 n.		
H.K. Construction ...	\$ 44 b. 44.35 a.	b. & aa. 44	
Nanyang Tobacco ...		n. 21	
Shanghai ...	\$ 113 b.	b. 11	
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H.K. Realty ...	\$ 23.30 b.	b. 2.30	
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.		
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Japan	Awa Maru	

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OUTWARD MAILS.		
Sat. 6.		
Straits and Calcutta	Lingay	1 p.m.
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Manila	Caldic Prince	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Haiphong	9 a.m.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8.		
Amoy, Hongkong and Fuzhou	Yingchow	9 a.m.
Japan, Hongkong and Fuzhou	Talyan Maru	9 a.m.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.		
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Kingman	10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due		1.45 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.		
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Sashu Maru	5 p.m.

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Japan	Aki Maru	9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.		
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi & Bombay	Sashu Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—due		10.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	President Jackson	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.		
Shanghai and Japan	Kamo Maru	10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.		
Baigon, Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due		1.45 p.m.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16.		
Manila	Pros. Jefferson	3.30 p.m.

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Manila	Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due	Thursday 9.45 a.m.
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